



You Are Invited to Attend a Stakeholder Roundtable Dialogue on the 2009 Compliance Recertification Application (CRA) for Recertification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, New Mexico

When:

Wednesday, May 12, 2010
Session I: 1:30 – 4:30 PM
Session II: 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Both sessions will be identical

Where:

Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North
5151 San Francisco Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Background:

At its June 2009 public meetings, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) committed to conduct an additional availability session for stakeholders prior to making its determination of completeness for the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Compliance Recertification Application (CRA) for the WIPP.

Based on stakeholder comments and its own reviews, EPA has sent five letters to DOE with comments and questions regarding the CRA, which was submitted in March 2009. DOE has been responding to these issues and the process is nearing completion. All correspondence is posted on the EPA web site as it is received. While EPA is still conducting its completeness review, and additional information from DOE is forthcoming, EPA does expect to complete the review some time this summer.

Purpose of the Roundtable:

As promised, EPA is providing this additional opportunity for questions and dialogue regarding the CRA prior to the final completeness determination. The roundtable will provide an overview of progress and completeness-related issues and to offer stakeholders an opportunity to ask questions and engage in dialogue with EPA and DOE staff about issues related to the CRA.

Who Should Attend:

All stakeholders who are interested in the WIPP recertification process are welcome.

What You Can Expect:

Stakeholders will be invited to sit with EPA and DOE staff to ask questions and offer comments on the CRA. This is not a formal public meeting, and no formal comments will be taken. The following guidelines will help you prepare for attending the roundtable session:

- The purpose of the meeting is to have an informal dialogue about issues. There will be no assigned slots to speak or transcript produced; any formal comments should be provided in writing as described below.
- All stakeholders are welcome to ask questions and offer comments by sitting at the table and joining the conversation. The meeting will be facilitated and civil behavior will be expected from all participants.
- Both afternoon and evening sessions will be identical. Two sessions are being held in order to accommodate stakeholders with differing schedules.
- As the completeness process is ongoing, not every question will have a complete answer at this time. However, all questions will be noted for explanation in the final completeness determination.
- Questions and comments will be kept to issues that are part of the CRA process. Other issues will be noted but staff will not be on hand to discuss issues outside of the CRA.
- All information to be discussed has been posted on EPA's WIPP web site and in the docket. While an overview presentation will be provided, stakeholders are encouraged to review this information in advance to ensure that they are prepared with questions and issues of concern.

Submitting Comments:

EPA opened the comment period on the 2009 CRA since receiving the application in March 2009. Any specific comments that stakeholders want considered as part of the completeness determination should be submitted to EPA in writing no later than May 28. Upon release of the completeness determination, there will be an additional 30-45 day comment period which will be announced at that time.

To submit comments, please visit EPA's electronic docket at the internet address listed below. You may also e-mail comments to a-and-r-docket@epa.gov, with the subject titled "Attn: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0330".

For More Information:

Visit EPA's WIPP web site at <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/wipp/2009application.html>
Visit EPA's electronic docket for the 2009 CRA at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#docketDetail?R=EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0330>
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